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REPORT SOVIET TROOP CONCENTRATIONS,  
 FAMINE CONDITIONS IN BULGARIA

TROOPS TRANSFERRED FROM RUMANIA TO BULGARIA -- Istanbul, Yeni Sabah, 20 Jul 51

Trieste, 19 July (Turkish News Agency) -- It is reported that troops are being transferred secretly at night from Rumania to Bulgaria, those coming from Constanta being sent to Black Sea ports, especially Stalin, and those coming by way of the Banat being sent to the Yugoslav border.

TROOP CONCENTRATIONS, COMMUNIST OPPRESSION STRESSED -- Istanbul, Yeni Sabah, 16 Jul 51

An authoritative individual, recently arrived in Istanbul from Sofia, has confirmed reports that Soviet troops are being concentrated in Bulgaria. He pointed out, however, that it was impossible to mention any definite figure since they are being brought from the USSR as civilian militia and are being settled in small towns rather than in large cities such as Sofia.

Commenting on the political situation, the same source declared that the Communist Party hung over every person's head like a Sword of Damocles and that life in the big cities was endurable only for Communists, there being little difference between life and death for others. Foreigners, he declared, and especially diplomats from democratic countries, are treated like lepers. He cited the case of a sick US diplomat who was unable to secure the services of a doctor, so great was the people's fear of having contact with a foreigner and being branded traitors by the Communist Party.(1)

"EXTERNAL FRIENDSHIP" RESISTANCE MOVEMENT REPORTED -- Istanbul, Cumhuriyet, 30 Jul 51

Reports reaching Edirne reveal that sabotage activities, especially by workers, have increased. They mention that in addition to the Agrarian Party and the Free Bulgaria Association, a group called "Eternal Friendship" has now been formed, principally by workers, with the immediate objectives of reviving the

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Pact of Eternal Bulgaro-Yugoslav Friendship and ousting the Communists from control of the government. These reports add that there are indications that the new organization includes persons high in Communist circles, that it is believed that Vasiliev, chief of the Khaskovo militia, was tried before a People's Court on charges of belonging to this group, and that the Plovdiv People's Court has sentenced two persons to death for the same reason.

REPORT PEASANT RESISTANCE, FAMINE -- Izmir, Anadolu, 17 Jun 51

Belgrade, 16 June (Turkish News Agency) -- Bulgarian peasants are cooperating among themselves in an effort to avoid turning over this year's crop to the government. As a result of Soviet police directives forcing peasants to work in the fields, a large-scale struggle is under way between the people and the militia, and in some cases the people have demonstrated in front of official establishments and have killed Soviet agricultural chiefs and policemen. In one clash, several carloads of wheat destined for shipment to the USSR were dynamited and destroyed. A state of famine has arisen in Bulgaria, despite urgent measures taken by the government. Groups of peasants from the USSR are arriving to replace Bulgarian peasants who are unwilling to work their own fields. Disputes have occurred between these newcomers and the Bulgarian peasants. Soviet and Bulgarian police detailed to settle these disputes are being dismissed when they fail and are replaced by others.

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